

September 24, 2025: On Eschatology and the End of Doom Cycles

Recently we heard a 'legendary billionaire' preach his philosophical view about smart rabbits having three holes:

<https://fortune.com/2025/09/22/ray-dalio-warns-very-dark-times-economy-america-china-great-power-conflict-inequality/>

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"Drawing on his own proprietary study of 500 years of history, the founder of the world's largest hedge fund, Bridgewater Associates, **points to a predictable 80-year cycle that suggests an era of significant global and internal strife is upon us.**

"Legendary billionaire investor Ray Dalio has issued a stark warning about the future of the United States and the United Kingdom, stating he is not optimistic about either nation's trajectory and believes "**we're heading into very, very dark times.**"

"Dalio's framework is built on **five major forces that drive history in cycles**: a money and debt force, internal conflict, geopolitical conflict, acts of nature, and human inventiveness, particularly technology. He argues that both the U.S. and the U.K. are exhibiting clear **symptoms of a cycle nearing a dangerous phase.**

First, he stresses the importance of flexibility and mobility, citing a Chinese saying: "a smart rabbit has three holes." This means having the ability to move yourself and your capital away from bad situations and toward better ones—like a rabbit would choose one of its three habitats, depending on its problems in the wild. Dalio suggested that **being anchored to an asset such as a house can limit this crucial flexibility in a fast-changing world.**

A bit of Biblical foundation in these 'rich' men's lives would help them understand that we solved these problems 2025 years ago!

AI Overview

A worldview that history is linear and not repeating is known as a **linear view of history**. Unlike cyclical views, which see time as a series of endlessly repeating patterns of rise and fall, the linear perspective views history as a purposeful, goal-directed progression from a distinct beginning to a final end. 

Continuing on about the LINEAR VIEW OF HISTORY:

This worldview is central to major Western traditions, and its key features include the following:

- **Unique, non-repeating events:** In a linear framework, no single event is an exact repeat of a past one. The crucifixion of Jesus, for example, is a unique, unrepeatable event with singular significance.
- **Beginning and end:** The linear view of history is structured like a story with a definite starting point (creation) and an ultimate endpoint (judgment day or final goal).

On ESCHATOLOGY:

✦ AI Overview

In the Bible, eschatology refers to the study of the "last things" or "end times," encompassing events like Jesus's second coming, the final judgment, the resurrection of the dead, and the establishment of the new heaven and new earth. It includes both individual eschatology (what happens to a person after death) and collective eschatology (events that will occur in history). Key biblical texts like the Book of Revelation and the Gospel accounts of Jesus's teachings provide visions and prophecies of these future events, ultimately affirming God's triumph. 

Key aspects of biblical eschatology:

- **The Second Coming of Christ:** A central theme is the return of Jesus Christ to judge the world and bring about God's ultimate victory. 
- **Final Judgment:** The Bible describes a final judgment where the righteous are distinguished from the wicked, leading to eternal states for both. 
- **Resurrection of the Dead:** There is an expectation of a future resurrection for both the righteous and the wicked, leading to everlasting life or eternal contempt. 

Continuing with ESCHATOLOGY:

- **The New Creation:** Eschatology looks forward to the fulfillment of God's covenants in a new heaven and a new earth, representing the final state of the world. 
- **Individual Eschatology:** This aspect deals with the individual soul's fate after death, the state of souls before the resurrection, and the intermediate states of the soul. 
- **Collective Eschatology:** This focuses on the grand, historical events, such as the coming of a Messiah, millennial kingdom, and the ultimate triumph over evil. 

Biblical Texts:

- **The Book of Revelation:** Provides a detailed vision of the final days, including the clash between God and Satan, and God's ultimate victory. 
- **Jesus's Olivet Discourse:** Jesus spoke about events preceding his return, emphasizing the need for watchfulness. 
- **Old Testament Prophecies:** Books like Daniel and Isaiah contain prophecies of resurrection and judgment, forming the foundation for later eschatological teachings. 

Perhaps Ray Dalio should dig deeper into the Eastern philosophies to see that they too have already solved his problem of repeating 80-year doom cycles.

Those that have stopped will necessarily also have their advance.

- This is the principle of contracting and expanding, of disappearing and coming to rest.
- When what has **stopped is now born**, this is an advance, and when **what has stopped now reverses** itself, **there is** also an **advance**.
- And so the Step hexagram succeeds the Calm hexagram.

To advance in a sequence is to go **step by step**.

- **Today** people consider a **slackened advance** to be a step by step advance.
- What advances in a sequence **does not surpass** its **position** in the series, and so it is **slackened**.

